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### ICGS System

#### System Tables

#### 1. Introduction

The Illinois Computing Graphics System (ICGS) is a batch system for a mini-computer. It executes a limited number of system programs, and provides facilities for rapid overlaying of these programs.

The system was written for the following configuration:

- 1) PDP-11/20 with 16K of core memory
- 2) KE-llA Extended Arithmetic Element
- 3) Teletype
- 4) RF11 256K-2M word fixed-head disk
- 5) 2 TCll Dectapes
- 6) GDI model 100 card reader
- 7) Gould 4800 printer/plotter

The System is intended to run under DOS. The System itself consists of a core resident Supervisor, a set of disk resident System modules, a set of desk resident user-defined modules, two bootstrap loaders, and an independent program to aid in the building of user modules. This Manual is intended to aid the System programmer in setting up system tables. Familiarity with the FDP-11 and DOS is assumed.

#### 2. SYSTEM STRUCTURE

The entire system runs under control of and with the services of the Disk Operating System (DOS). From the point of view of DOS, the system looks like a single program, a portion of which is permanently core resident and the remainder of which resides on storage devices in the form of overlays. The core resident portion is the Supervisor and is responsible for providing the overlaying facilities. DOS, then, views the system as in Figure 2.1.

The Supervisor views the remainder of the system as a set of monitors, each of which may or may not possess a set of overlays. Each of the monitors and overlays is identified to the Supervisor by an ordered pair of numbers. In the case of an overlay, the pair is (monitor number, overlay number). In the case of a monitor, the pair is (0, monitor number), since the Supervisor is monitor 0. The sets of overlays are structurally mutually exclusive, but the structural information for two overlays contained in the Supervisor may, in fact, refer to the same overlay file.

The monitors are responsible for notifying the Supervisor of changes in the status of the overlays, calling the Supervisor to read in overlays, and directing the Supervisor what to do when the monitor is done. Options for a monitor upon completion include running another monitor, turning to the batch input device for the next job, or returning to a previous monitor. The latter option allows a monitor to temporarily

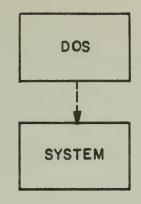


Figure 2.1 System as viewed by DOS

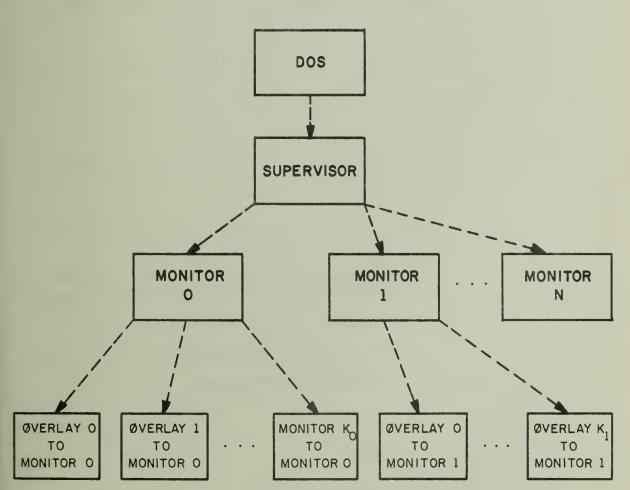


Figure 2.2 System as viewed by the Supervisor

relinquish control to another monitor, then regain control later. It is the responsibility of the monitor to keep track of which overlays are in core and at what points another overlay is required. Since the Supervisor cannot monitor I/O operations, the monitor itself must also notify the Supervisor when the location of an overlay file has changed. A monitor knows the location of its file by the file name; the Supervisor, upon request, looks this file up in the directory of one of the mass storage devices and records the physical location of the file in its tables. The Supervisor can then use this information to read the file in rapidly when requested to do so.

All the facilities of DOS are also available to a monitor. In effect, the Supervisor and DOS combined appear to a monitor as a single operating system. Further, a monitor knows only of its own overlays; it may not have access to another monitor's overlays. Thus, to a monitor the system appears as in Figure 2.3.

For purposes of batch execution, the monitors are grouped into sequences known as subsystems. The Grafix subsystem, for instance, consists of the Grafix compiler monitor and the Basic Plotting Package monitor. The structure of these subsystems is not contained in the Supervisor or its tables—it is defined by the monitors as each requests the next in the subsystem. The Supervisor maintains the identity of the first monitor in each subsystem and the subsystem name by which the user communicates with the system.

The system itself consists of five parts: the core-resident Supervisor, the supporting system monitors, the user-supplied monitors and overlays, the table initializer, and the debugging support. The

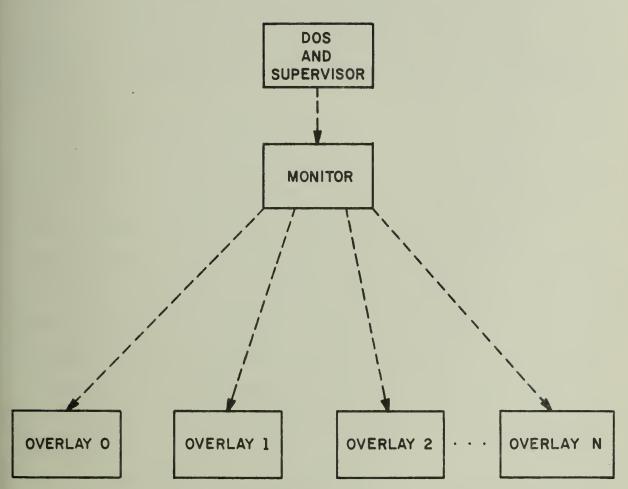


Figure 2.3 System as viewed by a monitor

Supervisor consists of the Sequencer, the Overlayer, and the Table

Manager. There are two system monitors—one for using the Gould as
a line printer, and one for handling system errors. The Initializer
is a bootstrap routine which sets up the system tables and locates the
monitors and overlays on the storage devices. Finally, there is a
program to build overlay files and a version of the Initializer specifical—
ly designed for debugging.

#### 3. DATA STRUCTURES FOR THE SYSTEM

The Supervisor routines are essentially table driven. The tables were set up to allow maximum flexibility in the structure and interrelationships of the monitors and overlays. The tree-like structure of the lines of control (see Figure 2.2) is the only structural constraint imposed; the remainder of the structure is defined by the tables.

The information contained in the tables includes, for all overlays and monitors, the location and length of the overlay on the mass storage devices and the starting address for the overlay in core. In addition, monitors require tables of their transfer addresses, the number of overlays per monitor, and the region of core occupied by each monitor and its overlays. The latter is required in order to initialize the stack pointer before a monitor is read in. This gives as much stack space as possible to each monitor while preventing a monitor from overwriting the stack with an overlay. Subsystem structure is defined by a table giving subsystem names and a corresponding table giving the first monitor in each subsystem.

All tables except the overlay table are simply vectors containing the information. The overlay table is contructed in a heirarchical manner to provide as much protection for the overlays as possible (see Figure 3.1). Each monitor is allocated a subtable containing the information for its overlays. In addition, the Supervisor, in its role as a monitor, is allocated a subtable containing the information for the monitors. The

Supervisor remembers the identity of the currently executing monitor and allows it—using the overlay routine—to access only its own overlays.

This provides some protection for the table and corresponding overlays.

The size of each subtable is determined at load time when the initializer is run. The subtables are allocated core space at that time and may be initialized then as well. The information in the subtables may also be changed, however, using the table managing routine. This would allow, for example, a monitor to move an overlay from tape to disk, then ask the Supervisor to change its tables to reflect the new situation. The length of the overlay and its starting address in core may also be changed. As is the case with the overlay routine, the table manager allows a monitor to access only the information on its own overlays.

Initialization of the tables is accomplished by a routine executed as a bootstrap to the system. The routine exists in two versions, differing only in the source of the data to be used in the initialization. In the version to be used in production runs, the data is contained in the routine itself and is presumed to be in the correct form; little checking is done for consistency. The version used for debugging uses data obtained from an input file such as a card reader or a disk file. This data is not presumed to be correct and extensive format and consistency checking is done.

The reasoning behind the use of two versions is as follows: In the case of production runs, the bootstrap should be fast, reliable, and easy to run, so that an operator with a minimum amount of training can

execute the system with the greatest ease. Flexibility is not a great consideration in this case since the structure of the system as a whole will not change between production runs.

However, in the case of debugging runs where new portions of monitors are being tested, the situation is exactly reversed. The operator is an experienced programmer, and the speed of the bootstrap is not as important as its flexibility. Since the structure of the system, particularly the size, location, and starting addresses of monitors and overlays, will almost certainly change between runs, the operator must be able to easily alter the initial data put in the Supervisor tables. This is best accomplished if the data is taken from an input file rather than stored within the Supervisor's load module.

The remainder of this report describes the table setup for the production version of the Initializer. The input file format for the debugging version is described in the users manual.

The production version of the Initializer has the responsibility of allocating space in the monitor table and initilizing values in all the Supervisor Tables. The Initializer draws its information from a set of tables which is in an assembly module which is linked to the Initializer and loaded with it at execution time.

There are two sets of tables for the Initializer. The first set describes the monitors and their overlays. The Initializer uses this information to allocate space for the monitor and overlay descriptions in the Supervisor's monitor table. The table entries can be filled in at this time, or they can be left blank and be filled in later by the Table Manager.

The second set of tables describes the subsystems. Values in these tables are simply entered in the appropriate Supervisor tables, since there is no allocation taking place.

The second set of tables describes the subsystems. Values in these tables are simply entered in the appropriate Supervisor tables, since there is no allocation of core space taking place. All tables have -1 as the default value. Thus, if an entry is not initialized, it is -1.

#### 4.1 The Monitor Tables

The tables for the monitors and overlays include vectors containing the number of overlays for each monitor (INTABL), the starting addresses of each monitor (ISTART) and the largest space that the monitor and its overlays will occupy in core (REGION). INTABL is a vector of bytes, one for each monitor, containing the number of overlays for the corresponding monitor. The Supervisor, by convention, is monitor 0, and monitor 1 is a dummy. Thus, the first entry in the vector is one more than the number of monitors, while the second entry is -1.

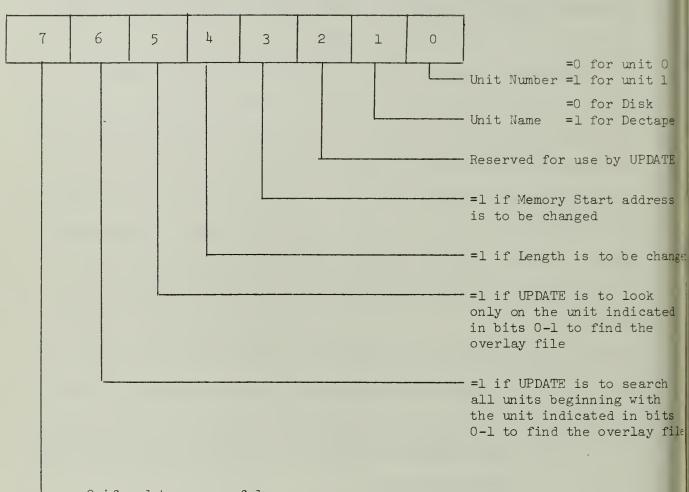
ISTART is a vector of words, one for each monitor, giving the starting address of the monitor. This is the address to which the Scheduler branches to execute the monitor. The first entry is by convention for the line printer emulator, and is 0726328, while the second is for the error routine, and is 0734128.

REGION gives the size, in bytes, of the largest area of core ever occupied at one time by the monitor and its overlays. This is used by the Scheduler to set the stack pointer before executing the monitor so that the stack is not overwritten by an overlay.

The largest of the monitor tables is the overlay table. This is the table used to fill in the entries in the Supervisor Tables. There is one entry in the table for each possible monitor and overlay number. All monitors are listed first, followed by the overlays in the order of their monitors.

Each entry consists of two required parameters and up to five optional ones. The first two parameters are required, and are one byte each. Both are equal to zero for monitors and overlays which are not to be initialized.

- 1) Number of bytes to follow, i.e. twice the number of optional parameters present.
- 2) Status byte, set up as in Figure 4.1.



=0 if update successful result =1 if (1) file not found or not contiguous on update or search, or (2) if overlay numbers invalid

Figure 4.1

The remaining parameters are optional, and are present as required by the Status byte. All are fullword parameters and must be in the order given, if they are present.

- 1) Length of the monitor as overlay, in words
- 2) Memory address where the monitor or overlay is to be loaded into core
- 3) Extension of the file name where the monitor or overlay is located, in Radix 50
- 4) Final three characters of the file name of the file where the monitor or overlay is located, in Radix 50
- 5) Initial three characters of the file name of the file where the monitor or overlay is located, in Radix 50

## 4.2 The Subsystem Tables

The Subsystem tables consist of two vectors and a parameter. The parameter, NSSYS, is one byte in length and gives the number of subsystems present in the system. The vector ISYSNM contains one word for each subsystem and gives the first three characters of the subsystem name in Radix 50. The subsystem name is read from the card reader and is used by the Scheduler to identify the subsystem. The remaining vector, ISYSTB, contains one byte for each subsystem, and gives the number of the first monitor in the subsystem.

The tables should all be assembled in one module. All tables should be global, but they may be in any order. An example is given in appendix B.

## APPENDIX A

THE PRODUCTION INITIALIZER

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APPENDIX B

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